frequencies highlighted the importance of radio emissions in earthquake prediction studies.

(d) The Department of Science and Technology has initiated a programme on earthquake precursory phenomena. India Meteorological Department is also in the process of modernization and upgradation of seismological facilities for early and better detection of earthquakes in the country. In order to achieve the above goals, a number of projects, namely, establishment of multi parametric geophysical observatories at selected locations in the country and setting up of real time seismic monitoring network for Tsunami warning systems are under various stages of implementation.

Setting up of ISR in Gujarat

2529. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed to set up an Institute of Seismology Research (ISR) in Gujarat utilizing a World Bank loan of Rs. 30 Crores;

(b) whether no further initiatives were taken either by the Central Government or the State Government resulting in the lapse of the time-bound World Bank loan;

(c) whether the Institute acquired digital seismographs from funds put in by the State Government to create a State-wise network; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in Central fund allotments for over two years now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided, Government of Gujarat has set up an Institute of Seismological Research (ISR) in Gujarat and no lapse of the World Bank loan has taken place.

(c) Digital Seismographs have been procured by Government of Gujarat.

(d) Does not arise.